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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
Claude NÉGRIER et al. )  
Serial No.: Unassigned ) Group Art Unit: Unassigned  
Filed: Concurrently herewith ) Examiner: Unassigned  
For: MODIFIED FACTOR VIII cDNA )

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the examination of the above application, which is a 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) divisional application of U.S. Ser. No. 09/526,935, now allowed, please amend this application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS: ✓

Please cancel claims 1-6. Please add claims 7-11 as follows:

7. A process for the production of Factor VIII protein comprising:
- a) preparing a modified Factor VIII cDNA comprising a deletion of the B-domain and insertion of the truncated Factor IX intron 1 (SEQ ID NO: 9) in one or more splice sites of the Factor VIII cDNA;
  - b) introducing the modified Factor VIII cDNA into a cell; and

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